

Application No. 10/065,360

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheets make changes to Figs. 15, 19, 26 and 28 and replace the original sheets with Figs. 15, 19, 26 and 28.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-8 and 11-19 are pending. By this Amendment, the title is amended as requested in the Office Action and Fig. 15, as well as other figures, are revised to correct typographical informalities. No new matter is added by the above amendments.

I. All Informalities Have Been Corrected

The Office Action identified a typographical error in Fig. 15. By this Amendment, that typographical informality and additional typographical informalities in the drawings have been corrected. In particular: (i) the spelling of "deleting" and "protected" in step S521 of Fig. 15 is corrected; (ii) the spelling of "termination" in step S22 of Fig. 19 is corrected; (iii) the spelling of "selection" in step S61 and "search" in step S69 of Fig. 26 is corrected; and (iv) the spelling of "enabling" in step S81, "changed" in step S86 "lapse of time" in step S88 and "change" in step S94 of Fig. 28 is corrected.

Applicant submits that the amendment to the title overcomes the objection to the title.

II. All Pending Claims are Patentable

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 13, 17 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,947,075 to Niikawa in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,721,001 to Berstis. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Niikawa and Berstis, even when combined, do not disclose or suggest all of the features recited in independent claims 1, 6 and 19. Accordingly, all pending claims of this application are in condition for allowance.

In particular, contrary to what is asserted in the Office Action, Niikawa does not disclose or suggest "the controller waits for a predetermined period for a second command that designates a different folder in which the digital images are to be stored, and executes the second command if the second command is received within the predetermined period" as recited in independent claims 1 and 6, and does not disclose or suggest "waiting for a

predetermined period for a second command that designates another folder in which the digital images are to be stored in the storage medium" and "executing the second command if the second command is received within the predetermined period" as recited in independent claim 19. The Office Action asserts that Applicant's claimed "predetermined period" "is defined from the moment that the folder selection dialogue appears in the camera screen until the user click [sic] OK to indicate that the folder has been selected." See page 4, lines 5-7 of the Office Action. The time period between the moment that the folder selection dialogue appears and the user clicks OK is random and could be different in every instance in which a digital image is stored in the memory of Niikawa. Accordingly, the "time period" of Niikawa proposed in the Office Action is not "predetermined." Rather, it is a random time period. Accordingly, Niikawa does not disclose or suggest the above-noted features of independent claims 1, 6 and 19. Berstis also does not disclose or suggest these features. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 6 and 19, along with their dependent claims, are patentable. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

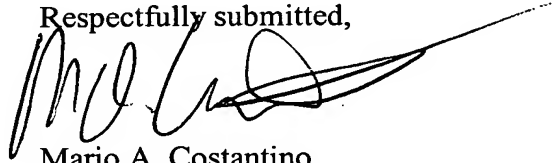
Claims 11, 12, 14-16 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Niikawa in view of Berstis, and further in view of JP-A-8-69684. This rejection is respectfully traversed. These claims are patentable for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to their corresponding independent claims. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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